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SUBJ: COMMENT BY THAI DEFENSE MINISTER ON ARMS SMUGGLING
FROM LAOS TO THAILAND

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BANGKOK HAS FILED SHORT
MESSAGE SEPT 18 QUOTING THAI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND DEFENSE MINISTER PRAMARN AS STATING THERE HAS
BEEN INCREASED SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS FROM LAOS THROUGH
NORTHEAST THAILAND SINCE PATHET LAO HAVE TAKEN OVER
IN LAOS. PRAMARN STATED QTE WE'RE VERY CONCERNED
OVER THE INCREASED SMUGGLING OF WEAPONRY FROM LAOS
AND STOCKPILING OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS IN COMMUNIST
INFESTED PROVINCES BORDERING LAOS, END QTE. PRAMARN
ADDED THAT THAI BORDER PATROL UNITS HAVE CLASHED WITH
ARMS SMUGGLERS FROM LAOS AT LEAST ON 35 OCCASIONS
AND HAVE SEIZED HUNDREDS OF M16'S AND AK 47 RIFLES.
AP REPORT ADDS THAT LAST WEEK THAI NAVAL PATROL UNIT
ALONG MEKONG CLASHED WITH ARMS SMUGGLERS FROM LAOS
AND HHAI NAVAL CAPTAIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED (ALSO
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REPORTED, WITH PHOTOS, IN TODAY'S BANGKOK PRESS).

2. COMMENT: INTERVIEW WITH PRAMARN WAS NOT RPT NOT
FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE, AND NO TRANSCRIPT IS
AVAILABLE. AP TELLS US PRAMARN MADE ABOVE REMARKS TO
AP REPORTER. PRAMARN STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE
CONSIDERABLY MORE LURID THAN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF
SITUATION. THAI ISOC BRIEFING OFFICER TOLD ARMA
LAST WEEK THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME INCREASE IN ARMS
SMUGGLING FROM LAOS BUT NOT RPT NOT OF ALARMING
PROPORTIONS. EMBASSY WILL CHECK MATTER FURTHER AND
REPORT RESULTS.
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